Promotions of Clerks of the Subordinate Educational Offices to the Office of the Director.

114. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction considers the claims of the clerks of the offices subordinate to him in filling the temporary and permanent vacancies that occur in his office?

(*b*) Does the Director of Public Instruction follow any definite rule in giving promotions to the clerks in his office and in the offices subordinate to him?

(*c*) If not, will the Government be pleased to order him to fill vacancies in his office by giving promotions to experienced and qualified men from subordinate offices, as chances of promotion in the latter offices are very rare?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Director of Public Instruction follows the principle of appointing in each case the clerk with the best claims among those competent to discharge the duties of the appointment satisfactorily.

(*c*) This does not arise, in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) of the question.

Depressed Classes and Registry of Lands.

115. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the members of the depressed classes feel highly disappointed and discontented at the manner in which most of the officers of the Revenue Department deal with their applications for registry of lands?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

Organisation of a Labour Department.

116. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the immense benefits derived by the members of the depressed classes in the Madras Presidency by the operations of the Labour Department there?

(*b*) If they are, will they be pleased to organise such a department for the State tentatively under an officer in charge of one of the Development Departments?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government are aware that a Labour Department exists in the Madras Presidency and that one of the functions of the department is the amelioration of the condition of the depressed classes.

(*b*) Government do not see the necessity for creating a separate department for the purpose.

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